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## PLAQUE-PREVENTION WORK.

## LOUISIANA—NEW ORLEANS—PLAQUE ERADICATION.

The following report of plague-eradication work at New Orleans for the week ended March 13, 1915, was received from Surg. Corput, of the United States Public Health Service, in temporary charge of the work:

OUTGOING QUARANTINE.		DESTINATION AND NUMBER OF RAILROAD CARS INSPECTED FOR WEEK ENDED MAR. 13, 1915—con.
Vessels fumigated with sulphur.....	50	New York..... 44
Vessels fumigated with hydrocyanic gas.....	3	Ohio..... 80
Pounds of sulphur used.....	13,840	Oklahoma..... 5
Pounds of potassium cyanide used in hydrocyanic gas fumigation.....	291	Oregon..... 1
Pounds of sodium carbonate used in hydrocyanic gas fumigation.....	360	Pennsylvania..... 17
Pounds of sulphuric acid used in hydrocyanic gas fumigation.....	294	Rhode Island..... 1
Clean bills of health issued.....	33	Tennessee..... 92
Foul bills of health issued.....	13	Texas..... 225
OVERLAND FREIGHT INSPECTION.		Virginia..... 1
Cars inspected found in good order; permitted to load.....	2,087	Washington..... 4
Cars ordered repaired before loading.....	1,310	Wisconsin..... 8
Total cars inspected.....	3,379	Mexico..... 6

## DESTINATION AND NUMBER OF RAILROAD CARS INSPECTED FOR WEEK ENDED MAR. 13, 1915.

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Alabama.....	118	Number of rats trapped..... 7,998	
Arizona.....	3	Number of premises inspected..... 10,733	
Arkansas.....	25	Notices served..... 793	
California.....	17		
Carolina, North.....	4	BUILDINGS RAT PROOFED.	
Carolina, South.....	1	By elevation..... 208	
Colorado.....	2	By marginal concrete wall..... 195	
Florida.....	23	By concrete floor and wall..... 517	
Georgia.....	51	By minor repairs..... 460	
Illinois.....	153	Square yards of concrete laid..... 24,853	
Indiana.....	23	Total buildings rat proofed..... 1,380	
Iowa.....	23	Total buildings rat proofed to date..... 25,358	
Kansas.....	1	Number of abatements..... 319	
Kentucky.....	29	Number of abatements to date..... 11,123	
Louisiana.....	1,117		
Massachusetts.....	4	LABORATORY OPERATIONS.	
Michigan.....	11	Rodents examined..... 3,960	
Minnesota.....	12	Mus norvegicus..... 1,832	
Mississippi.....	388	Mus rattus..... 254	
Missouri.....	99	Mus alexandrinus..... 254	
Nebraska.....	5	Mus musculus..... 4,299	
		Unclassified..... 1,180	
		Putrid..... 72	
		Total rodents received at laboratory..... 7,816	
		Number of suspicious rats..... 11	
		Plague rats confirmed..... 2	

## Rodent cases.

Case No.	Address.	Captured.	Diagnosis confirmed.	Treatment of premises.
235	1910 Lapeyrouse Street.....	Feb. 21, 1915	Mar. 8, 1915	Intensive trapping; rat proofing initiated.
236	Lopez and Julia Streets (in lumber yard near city garbage dump).	Mar. 3, 1915	Mar. 9, 1915	Intensive trapping; rat proofing accomplished by elevation of lumber; dumping discontinued and dump incinerated.

March 26, 1915

Last case of human plague Oct. 4, 1914.

Last case of rodent plague Mar. 9, 1915.

Total number of rodents captured to Mar. 13..... 293,084

Total number of rodents examined to Mar. 13..... 222,672

Total cases of rodent plague to Mar. 13, by species:

Mus musculus..... 4

Mus rutilus..... 16

Mus alexandrinus..... 9

Mus norvegicus..... 207

Total rodent cases to Mar. 13, 1915..... 236